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Sir:

This paper is timely filed in response to the Office Action dated November 26, 2007, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

- I. **Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 2;
- II. **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3;
- III. **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 4;
- IV. The **Remarks** begin on page 34; and
- V. The **Conclusion** begins on page 38.